

WRECK, FIRE DEATH

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about him his staff and urging his assistants to great speed. Sisters of charity busied themselves in taking the suffering to the respective rooms. In a little while three rooms on the main floor were filled with the wounded. The sick that had occupied them were borne out into the hall or carried into other rooms less crowded. The work was lovingly, anxiously done. Each sigh and pain found an echoing response in the heart of the self-sacrificing attendants. The scenes in the rooms where the wounded were removed from the rough temporary litters into the snowy couches were heart-rending. Their removal was necessary, however, and much as the victims shrieked and groaned, the work went on. Lying on the couches, the dirty, oil-soaked rags were cut away from the bodies and laid bare the horrible work of the burning oil. The hands and faces of all were scorched, torn and bleeding. The lips and noses were swollen and distorted, and the eyes were either burned out or were flame-eaten. The hands of many were burned to a crust, fingers were missing and arms broken.

Some of the Victims.

Some of the victims when uncovered, were found to be without cuticle, the flames having cooked and burned it until it clung, to the clothing or fell away of its own accord. When all arrangements had been made the public were admitted. An eager throng of mothers, fathers, wives and daughters hurried along the aisle and into the chambers of the suffering. Here they viewed each face, but in many cases without avail, for the forms and faces were unrecognizable. By dint of questioning many of the sufferers were induced to reveal their names. These were preserved to guide the inquirers. Soon, by each bed, with tear-stained faces and disheveled appearance stood the relatives and friends whispering words of comfort into the doing ears, sobbing words of cheer that were half choked in the utterance. If the patients recognized the voices of friends and relatives and moaned appeals for aid or to be spoken to, cheered, lifted up and the like. In the main hall stood a throng of anxious parents whose boys had gone to the wreck in the early morning and had not yet returned. They appealed to the physicians, the sisters and the attendants generally for information concerning the missing children. At 3:30 p. m. a second train arrived from Wann with four more bodies and the same scenes were enacted. Several of the injured constantly begged to be killed, that they might be free from their pain. "Oh, I'm blind," moaned one; "I feel that my eyes are gone. Oh, I could stand all, everything! I could be burned with satisfaction! I could be crippled or deformed forever, but to be without eyes, to have the light shut out forever! That is too much! I want to die," and then a loving mother bowed low over the moaning form and buried her tear-stained face and misery convulsed form in the clothing that shielded her son. Several little boys were among the victims, and their moanings were the source of much distress to all.

The Scene at Alto.

When the train bearing the dead and wounded reached Alto a little after noon almost another panic ensued. Great crowds had gathered at the stopping place of the train—a point some distance from the station and but a short distance from the hospital; many of these had loved ones among the victims of the burning oil, and as fast as the bodies were taken out of the train, sobbing wives, mothers and daughters, in their attempts to catch a sight of the features, would snatch frantically at the covering, and finding that which they dreaded to see, would throw themselves upon the body in agony and grief. Finally all the dead and wounded were taken care of and the crowd dispersed or gathered into little knots and discussed the horrible affair.

Loss Very Heavy.

The financial loss to the railroad company will be very heavy. The engine and tender, the four coaches, the seven tank cars and a considerable section of the track are totally ruined, nothing remaining but a mass of twisted iron and a few charred pieces of wood. Two small dwellings which stood near the track were also burned with all their contents. It was impossible to save anything; water would have had little effect even had there been water obtainable, which there was not. Estimates of the loss vary at from \$75,000 to \$150,000. The total will probably aggregate \$125,000.

A track has been constructed at one side of the ruins and trains on both the Alto and Big Four are running regularly tonight.

An Eye Witness Story.

Accounts of the explosion as given by eye witnesses do not differ greatly in detail. One of these witnesses, Robert Gurdy, said tonight to an Associated Press reporter:

"I think the force of the explosion must have spent itself in my direction. Although I was 600 feet distant when it occurred, the flames swept by me and passed in a sheet over my horse and rig which were standing near. I can hardly describe the noise. It was not like a cannon; nor like thunder, but more as the rushing of a mighty force of air. Looking around me I saw boys and men running in all directions through the fields. One man headed toward me. I did not recognize him, but I called to him to stop, which he

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The same may be said of oats as of corn.

The great American hog is again looming up, and apparently showing all the vicious thoughts of the bull shepherd, while it is a great deal more than a pig.

Receipts were heavy, quantity only fair, and prices higher. Consequently pork, lard and ribs were selling at boom prices. Ribs and lard for May sold highest, yet on the deal, and it now looks as if there would not be even bacon with which to season greens in the winter. Stocks are expected to show very little increase for the month. Ham and eggs will be a luxury, if not a curiosity at the world's fair.

Wheat—Early, No. 2 red, 67½ bid; No. 3 red, 62½; No. 4 red, 57½; rejected, 50½; uncleanable, 45½; No. 1 white, 40½; No. 2 white, 35½; No. 3 white, 30½; No. 4 white, 25½; No. 5 white, 20½; No. 6 white, 15½; No. 7 white, 10½; No. 8 white, 5½; No. 9 white, 0½; No. 10 white, 0½; No. 11 white, 0½; No. 12 white, 0½; No. 13 white, 0½; No. 14 white, 0½; No. 15 white, 0½